



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

South Belconnen

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year B
14 March 2021

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Vincent's	6.00pm
(No longer streamed).		
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoan	St Matthew's	1.00pm
(4th Sun)		
Korean	St Vincent's	3.00pm
Tuesday	St Vincent's	5.30pm
Wednesday	St Matthew's	7.00am
Thursday	St Vincent's	9.30am
Friday	St Matthew's	9.30am
Saturday	St Matthew's	12.00pm

Mass of Anointing:

1st Friday in Mar &		
Sept	St Matthew's	9.30am
1st Thursday in Jun &		
Dec	St Vincent's	9.30am

Confessions:

Saturday		
St Matthew's	11.00am-11.50am	
St Vincent's	5.00pm - 5.30pm	

Liturgy of the Word

with Holy Communion:

Monday	St Matthew's	7.00am
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Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays	St Vincent's	4.20pm
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Cenacle

Thursdays	St Vincent's after	9.30am Mass
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Prayers only

Mondays	St Vincent's	10.00am
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Legion of Mary

Saturday	St Vincent's	10.15am
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Baptisms:

2nd Sunday	St Matthew's	11.30am
4th Sunday	St Vincent's	11.30am

Weddings: By appointment

Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both church centres, St Matthew's only middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch

This Week:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Eph 2:4-10
Jn 3:14-21

Entrance Antiphon: *(as ministers gather in courtyard—not said if hymn is sung)*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

W. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. **R.**

M. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

W. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**

M. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: *(not said if hymn is sung)*

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

As you take the Lord to our brothers and sisters who are unable to join us in person, may they recognise that, through you, the Lord himself is stretching out towards them in love.

Next Week: Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33



Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Caroline Aldridge, Michelle Aldridge, Thirvinder Anand, Martin Baker, David Baker, Lisa Baulman, Sue Bartlett, Nancy Biviano, Fr Laurie Blake, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, Mary Bryan, George Bulbrook, Vince Burns, Leslie Cheeseman, Mary Cleary, John Clerk, Monica & Colin Colquhoun, Mary Coman, June Donnelly, Pat Dunne, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ryan Fawke, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, Bruce Hassall, Mick Hay, Wilf Hedley, Christine Hermely, Paul Idilton, Graham Jackson, Berty Jacob, Cath Jane Keen, Val Kilmier, Barb Lytle, Bruce Maiden, Michael Mathias, Jill McDonald, Monica Molloy, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Me con Nguyen Thi No, Noel Noonan, Rita Notte, Belinda O'Flynn, Louise Powell, Kathleen Preece, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Daphne Robinson, Paul Shanahan, Peter Stewart, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson. All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Doreen Blake, Paula Pfister, Kozci Moreing, Roma Metcalf, Elisa Amaral, Sr Amy Caldwell.

Anniversaries: Noel Falk, Arthur Bryan, Sean Reiher.

Ladies' Dinner! Our first dinner for this year will be on **Thursday 18 March at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison at 6pm.** Numbers are important so please send through your acceptances by Monday 15 March to the parish office at belconnensouth@cg.org.au or 6254 1827 or to Jenny at jennymurphys@icloud.com or 0437 034 148.

South Belconnen Choir: There will be choir practice in St Vincent's Church at 5pm on Saturday 20 March, prior to singing the 6pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

Parish News

St Patrick's Day - 17 March, one of the Church's great evangelising saints. St Patrick was born in Roman Britain in the 5th century and as a teenager, he was captured by Irish raiders. He was taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. It was during this time that he discovered his own faith, finding strength through his relationship with God.

His enslavement lasted for about six years until Patrick had a dream in which he was told to escape by going via the coast and he returned to Britain. A few years later, Patrick had a vision in which a man came to him from Ireland and gave him a letter. In his spiritual autobiography, the Confessio, Patrick said he heard the Irish people crying out, "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us".

This led Patrick to further his education and to study for the priesthood. He would later be ordained a bishop. He spent the rest of his life bringing the Good News to the people of Ireland which was a pagan country at that time.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

The prayer "Breastplate" is attributed to St Patrick. It reads in part: "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left...". St Patrick died on 17 March 461. He is now the patron saint of Ireland and is known as the Apostle of Ireland.

St Joseph Feast Day - 19 March

All that we know about St. Joseph comes from the Gospels. We know that he was a carpenter, that he accepted the will of God and obeyed God's instructions, that he supported and cared for Mary and together they raised Jesus.

The feast of St. Joseph was fixed, during the fifteenth century, on the 19th of March, and was added to the general calendar of the Church in 1621 by Gregory XV. Pius IX named him as Patron of the Catholic Church on the 8th December 1870. With the 8th December, 2020, marking the 150th anniversary of this declaration, Pope Francis proclaimed a year long celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

St. Joseph is widely venerated as a patron of artisans and is a source of inspiration for adoptive parents. He is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying and the Universal Church.

The **Participation and support in the liturgical life of our parish** form in this week's bulletin has been made available for your consideration. It will be available again next weekend (21 March) when a member of the Liturgy Committee will speak on the various liturgical ministries and support roles. Please give your prayerful consideration to participating in the liturgical life of our parish and return your form to the box in the foyer of either church by 28 March 2021. Should you wish to know more kindly see a member of the Liturgy Committee: John Malycha, Mary Morris, Trish Mowbray, Jenny Murphy, Christina Rowe, Robin Taylor.

Vision for our Parish: Walking together in faith to share God's love with all

**4th Sunday of Lent
14 March 2021**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “**Be More**”. Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world’s most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413. Please do not return Project Compass Boxes (coins) **until the end of Lent**. There will be a drop off station for you to place them in so that donations can be handled in a safe manner.

**St Vincent de Paul Society
Information Evening
7.30pm Wednesday 24
March 2021, Orana Centre,
Aranda**

The Aranda conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will present an overview of many of the services and activities they provide. This is part of the Vinnies Knock on Effect program that has just been launched. It is an opportunity for parishioners to learn about the Society. There will be further information after Masses leading into the evening.

Library News

The following items are now available for loan at St Matthew’s Church:

- Elbee, Jean C.J., d’: *I believe in love: a personal retreat based on the teach of St Therese of Lisieux* [Spirituality]
- Thibodeaux, Mark E, SJ: *Armchair mystic: how contemplative prayer can lead you close to God* [Prayer]
- Fallon, Michael, MSC: *Yielding to love: learning to follow our yearning for deeper communion with God* [Prayer]



The following are now available for loan at St Vincent’s Church:

A range of books added to the shelves which include Benedictine works, writings by Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, theology, CS Lewis’ Screwtape Letters, Father Timothy Gallagher’s Examen prayer guides, The Dark Night of the Soul, The Imitation of Christ, Bede Griffiths’ The Marriage of East and West, and several bibles.

Our libraries are located in the vestibule of each church and is open when the churches are open. Any queries or suggestions contact Megan Thompson on 6254 0524 (St Matthew’s) or Suzanne Groves on 6251 6681 (St Vincent’s). **Reminder** - Please follow COVID 19 Protocols for using the Library and return items as soon as you have finished.

Parish Financial Report for February 2021

	Actual	Planned	Variance	
	2 mth to	2 mth to	against	
	28/02/2021	28/02/2021	Plan	
	\$	\$	\$	
Direct Giving	27,320	28,000	-680	under budget

(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)

Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

Income *	<u>28,532</u>	<u>30,140</u>	<u>-1,608</u>	under budget
Expenditure	<u>5,698</u>	<u>24,671</u>	<u>8,973</u>	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>12,834</u>	<u>5,469</u>	<u>7,365</u>	

* Income = Direct Giving and other income

Your ongoing financial support of the Parish and Clergy is required and greatly appreciated despite reduced Mass attendance.

Details on how to contribute to the first and second collections can be found at <https://bit.ly/3qmQatE>. **In particular, the first collection (for clergy) has been impacted significantly by COVID-19.**

The Easter Triduum will be celebrated at St Vincent’s Church:

Holy Thursday 1 April
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7.30pm

Good Friday 2 April
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 3 April
Easter Vigil 7.30pm

Easter Sunday Masses
St Matthew’s Church 8.30am
St Vincent’s Church 10.00am
Korean Mass St Vincent’s 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday
St Matthew’s Church 11.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Good Friday St Matthew’s 10-11am
Saturday St Matthew’s 11-12pm

2021 Lenten Programs in Brief

Programs and the contacts from within our parish.

Archbishop Prowse's 'Walk in the Spirit'

<https://www.cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>. Contact Vince Burns on 0419 999 209 or Lynne Barr on 0414 262 970.

Ecumenical study group on **Climate for Change** Tuesday sessions 730-9pm 23-Feb to 30-Mar at Holy Covenant Anglican Church in Cook. Guidance materials at <https://>

www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=33. Expressions of interest BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au .

Garratt Publishing called 'It's All About Hope'. You can purchase copies of this program at <https://garrattpublishing.com.au/product/9781925009835/>.

Wollongong's 'Comfort' <https://www.dow.org.au/shop/>.

Brisbane's 'Look to Jesus' <https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/.../look-to...>

Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document) was Released for Plenary Council Journey

Working document link <https://bit.ly/383Cqwc>. As at other stages in the Plenary Council journey, people are encouraged - individually or collectively - to pray with the document. A simple reflection guide has been devised to support local engagement <https://bit.ly/2Pkv6FS>. A podcast series, starting with interviews of members of the instrumentum laboris writing team can be found at <https://bit.ly/2MDKz2O>

'Icons and Contemporary Art' exhibition in Canberra

- An exhibition of stunning traditional icons, contemporary religious art, replicas of Renaissance art, and more will open in the chapel of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (15 Blackall St Barton ACT) at 10.30am - 3.30pm from Friday 12 March to Sunday 21 March. Go to <https://news.csu.edu.au/in-brief/icons-and-contemporary-art-exhibition-in-canberra> for more info.

Daramalan College 2022 Enrolment Information now available at www.daramalan.act.edu.au.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary - Plant stall on Saturday & Sunday 20 & 21 March, 8am-5pm, Belconnen Markets. Both plant stalls will have a wide variety of indoor & outdoor plans, herbs, succulent, natives and more at bargain prices. All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. We thank you for your support during 2020 and encourage your ongoing support.



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your **free** copy of

Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to **"take fresh courage..."** as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777.

MARY MACKILLOP
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Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches

	14 March			21 March		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Bernie Leger	Janet Moyle	Ann Cleary	Cheryl Hamill	Jen Muscat	Gerard Hogan
Senior Servers	David Ross	Damien Power	Robyn Grubmueller	Bernie Leger	Dennis Morris	Paul Scholtens
EMHC					Mary Morris	Helen Digan
A&L	P - Jan Cashman A - No flowers during lent.			P - Yvonne McAdoo A - No flowers during lent.		